THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) to (c) The Khadi and Village Industries Sector consists essentially of conventional (traditional) rural cottage industries. Considerable efforts have been made by the Government for the development of Khadi and Village Industries including conventional rural cottage industries. The assistance provided to this sector consists of margin money assistance under Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), training, technological and marketing support. As a result, village industries have been registering growth in production and employment.

In order to further strengthen the KVI sector, a package was announced on 14.05.2001, which is now under various stages of implementation. The package mainly consists of Rebate Policy for five years, option of Rebate and Market Development Assistance (MDA), insurance cover to Khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of khadi products, creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development, facus on core areas and provisions of additional working capital etc.

**PMRY in HP**

878. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the targets set up to generate employment opportunities under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, district-wise; and

(b) the number of educated unemployed persons who have been benefited in the State during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) Based on the reports received from the State Government, the district-wise details of targets during the last three years, *i.e.* 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) for Himachal Pradesh are given in the Statement (*See* below)

(b) Based on the reports from the Reserve Bank of India, loans have been disbursed to 5839 educated unemployed youth during the above mentioned period in Himachal Pradesh.

***Statement***

*District-wise Details of Target Allocated for the Last Three Years i.e. 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana*

(As reported by the State Government)

| Sl. No. | Districts | Target (Nos.) | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 |
| 1. | Bilaspur | 150 | 160 | 193 |
| 2. | Chamba | 120 | 110 | 133 |
| 3. | Hamirpur | 180 | 180 | 215 |
| 4. | D/Sala | 525 | 530 | 685 |
| 5. | Kullu | 140 | 140 | 168 |
| 6. | Kinnaur | 40 | 35 | 42 |
| 7. | Keylong | 15 | 10 | 13 |
| 8. | Mandi | 395 | 400 | 480 |
| 9. | Shimla | 240 | 240 | 288 |
| 10. | Solan | 275 | 275 | 329 |
| 11. | Nahar | 210 | 210 | 252 |
| 12. | Una | 210 | 210 | 252 |
| | TOTAL: | 2500 | 2500 | 3000 |

**Production and sale by KVIC**

†879. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the production and sale made by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of the personnel working in various categories for the last three years at the different sales centres in Delhi;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.